Cases of people taking law into their hands

342. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is drifting towards anarchy as people have started taking law into their hands and settling issues in public without involving police or judicial process;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reason therefor;

(c) the details of such incidents that have come to the notice of Government during last one year; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, in the recent past, some incidents of mob violence have come to notice in the States of U.P. Bihar, Rajasthan,Haryana, W. Bengal, M.P, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh.

(d) As per the Constitution 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects and it is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts. to maintain law and order in their States and ensure safety and security of their people. However, in the wake of incidents of mob violence, all States/ UTs have been advised by the Central Govt. on 19.9.2007 to adequately sensitize their police forces so that mobs are not allowed to indulge in violence, and the action taken by the police against the persons/prepetrators of such violence be given wide publicity so as to deter such incidents.

Active presence of ISI and terrorist groups in U.P.

343. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Union Government are aware of the information that provided by the Uttar Pradesh Government about more than 34 districts of Uttar Pradesh State that have become sensitive due to active presence and anti-national activities by I.S.I. and terrorist groups; and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the details of adequate steps taken or proposed to be taken to help the State Government to control the unlawful activites of terrorist and I.S.I. agents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per available information, during the period 2004 to 2007 (till date), a total of 10 Pak ISI backed espionage modules have been neutralized in Agra, Meerut, Varanasi, Rampur, Lucknow, and Saharanpur Districts of Uttar Pradesh resulting in the arrest of 13 espionage agents, inlcluding 05 Pak nationals.

(b) The Central Government has been sensitizing the State Governments about the activities of ISI. Periodic coordination meetings are also held with the State Governments for sharing inputs from various quarters as well as devising strategies, to counter such activities, security and Intelligence agencies belonging to the Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI.

Inadequate security infrastructure in cinema halls and malls

344. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that most of the Cinema halls and Malls have not established adequate security infrastructure;